

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A weather-resistant synthetic wood comprising a body defining a core thereof and comprising a synthetic resin foam and an outer layer covering the body and comprising a synthetic resin that is unfoamed or foamed at a lower expansion rate than the resin foam for the body, the body and the outer layer being integrally bonded by coextrusion, wherein

the body ~~contains~~ comprises a polystyrene- or polypropylene-based resin as the major component; and

the synthetic resin for the outer layer ~~contains~~ comprises a weather-resistant synthetic resin as the major component and ~~contains the major~~ a component resin of the body as a minor component in such an amount that the minor component contributes to the enhancement of the adhesion between the body and the outer layer without impairing weather resistance.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 1, wherein

the body ~~contains~~ comprises polystyrene or a mixture of 100 parts by weight of polystyrene and 0 to 400 parts by weight of high-impact polystyrene as the major component; and

the outer layer, ~~which contains the major~~ comprising the component of the body as the minor component, ~~contains an~~ comprises an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer, an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer, and/or an or both an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer and an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer as the major component.

Claim 3 (Original): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 2, wherein the content of the minor component in the outer layer is 5 to 80 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 2 [[or 3]], wherein the body further ~~contains~~ comprises at least one of an acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer, an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer, and an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer as a minor component in an amount of 5 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to ~~any of Claims 2 to 4~~ Claim 2, wherein the outer layer has a foaming magnification of 1.1 to 1.2 times, ~~contains~~ comprising wood flour as a minor component in an amount of 15 to 30 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the material for the outer layer, and ~~contains~~ a wood color pigment ~~to present woodiness~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 1, wherein
the body contains polypropylene as the major component and optionally contains an adhesion enhancer as a minor component; and

the outer layer, ~~which contains the~~ comprising a major component of the body, ~~namely~~ polypropylene, as the minor component, ~~contains~~ comprises an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer, an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer, or

~~both and/or an~~ an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer and an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer as the major component.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 6, wherein the body ~~contains~~ comprises at least one of an acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer, an acrylonitrile-acrylic rubber-styrene copolymer, and an acrylonitrile-ethylene propylene rubber-styrene copolymer as the minor component in an amount of 5 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component, ~~namely~~ polypropylene, and further ~~contains~~ comprises wood flour in an amount of 5 to 400 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component, ~~namely~~ polypropylene.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 6 ~~[[or 7]]~~, wherein the amount of wood flour added to the body is 80 to 200 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to ~~any of Claims 6 to 8~~ Claim 6, wherein the content of the minor component, ~~namely~~ polypropylene, in the outer layer is 3 to 10 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the major component.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to ~~Claims 6 to 8~~ Claim 6, wherein the outer layer has a foaming magnification of 1.1 to 1.2 times, ~~contains~~ comprising wood flour as a minor component in an amount of 5 to 30 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the material for the outer layer, and ~~contains~~ a wood color pigment ~~to present woodiness~~.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 2 [[or 6]], wherein the body is a solid-core foam having a foaming magnification of 1.2 to 3.0 times and formed in a ~~predetermined~~ elongated cross-sectional shape.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 11, wherein fiberglass wires ~~containing~~ comprising fiberglass as the major component are embedded in the body in the longitudinal direction thereof at substantially diametrically opposed positions over the height and width of a transverse cross section of the body.

Claim 13 (Original): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 12, wherein the fiberglass wires are prepared by impregnating a fiberglass strand with the major component resin of the body.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to Claim 11, wherein a reinforcement comprising a ~~metal such as~~ aluminum or iron is embedded in the body so as to extend in the longitudinal direction thereof.